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SUBJECT: LTDP PUBLIC RELEASE: PROPOSED POSITION FOR
MAY 25 DRAFTING SESSION

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REFS: (A) USNATO 5245 (DTG 241248Z MAY 78)
(B) USNATO 5221 (DTG 231956Z MAY 78)
(C) USNATO 5256 (DTG 241423Z MAY 78)
(D) USNATO 5246 (DTG 241301Z MAY 78)
(E) STATE 131759 (DTG 240039Z MAY 78)

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1. THE DRAFT LTDP PUBLIC RELEASE (REF A) FOR THE
MOST PART REFLECTS THRUST AND SUBSTANCE OF US DRAFT.
AT THE MAY 23 DRAFTING GROUP SESSION (REF B), ALLIES
PROPOSED FEW AMENDMENTS AND SEVERAL US PROPOSALS FOR
STRENGTHENING TEXT WERE ADOPTED. SINCE FEW ALLIES
WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING, HOWEVER,
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AS SUGGESTED IN REF D, SOME ALLIED SUPPORT FOR THE
TEXT MAY DIMINISH AT THE MAY 25 DRAFTING SESSION
WHEN DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, IN OUR VIEW, OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE
AT THE MAY 25 MEETING SHOULD BE TO PRESERVE AS MUCH
OF THE PRESENT TEXT AS POSSIBLE AND RESIST ATTEMPTS

TO TONE DOWN OR WAFFLE THIS TEXT, THOUGH WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ATTEMPT TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN THE INTRODUCTORY SECTION THAT WOULD UNDERSCORE THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE LTDP AS A LONG-TERM ALLIANCE-WIDE ACTION PROGRAM.

3. BRACKETED LANGUAGE. THOUGH WE STILL BELIEVE THAT THE RATHER ABSTRACT ALTERNATIVE CANADIAN TEXT (PARA 3 BIS) WOULD NOT PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PRESENT TEXT, WE WOULD BE PREPARED, IF THE CANADIANS HOLD FIRM, TO PROPOSE A COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD ADD THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE CANADIAN TEXT AS THE LEAD SENTENCE OF THE PARA WHILE RETAINING THE REMAINDER OF THE PRESENT PARA 3 TEXT. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR INCLUSION OF OUR OWN LANGUAGE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY (PARA 17), BUT WE ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN ISOLATED ON THIS ISSUE FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN REFS C AND D. AS WE INDICATED IN REF D, A COMPROMISE WOULD BE TO TRY FOR "STRENGTHENING OF IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY." WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ACCEPT A DEAL WHEREIN WE WOULD AGREE TO DROP REFERENCE TO THIS ISSUE IN THE COMMUNIQUE IN EXCHANGE FOR ACCEPTANCE IN THE LTDP PUBLIC RELEASE.

4. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO AVOID BRACKETS AND WRAP-UP AN AGREED TEXT FOR THE LTDP
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PUBLIC RELEASE AT THE MAY 25 SESSION. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FROM WASHINGTON ON SPECIFIC WORDING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY 00B, MAY 25. GLITMAN

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